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SUBJECT: COUNCIL OF EUROPE MINISTERIAL

1. SUMMARY: ON MAY 14 FOREIGN MINISTERS OF 17 COUNCIL OF EUROPE STATES MET IN STRASBOURG UNDER CHAIRMANSHIP OF U. K. FOREIGN SECRETARY SIR ALEC DOUGLAS- HOME FOR DISCUSSION OF MULTILATERAL TALKS PREPARATORY TO CESC, INTERNATIONAL TERRORISM, AND FUTURE OF COUNCIL. END SUMMARY.

2. CESC: IN REPORTING ON MINISTERIAL'S RESULTS TO COUNCIL'S PARLIAMENTARY ASSEMBLY THE FOLLOWING DAY, AUSTRIAN FOREIGN MINISTER KIRCHSCHLAGER STATED THAT MINISTERS HAD PASSED COLLECTIVE JUDGMENT ON MULTILATERAL PREPARATORY TALKS IN LIGHT OF SHARED IDEAS AND PRINCIPALS. FREEDOM OF MOVEMENT OF IDEAS AND PERSONS
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WAS EMPHASIZED. MINISTERS DISCUSSION OF EAST- WEST RELATIONS IS RESULT, ACCORDING TO KIRCHSCHLAGER, OF PRESSURE FROM PARLIAMENTARY ASSEMBLY AND CERTAIN MEMBER GOVERNMENTS FOR COUNCIL TO PLAY LARGER POLITICAL ROLE, TO ACT AS FORUM FOR CONSULTATIONS BETWEEN EEC NINE AND REMAINING EIGHT COUNCIL MEMBER STATES.

3. TERRORISM: MINISTERS APPROVED RECOMMENDATIONS OF MARCH MEETING OF COUNCIL' S AD HOC GROUP ON TERRORISM (REPORTED STRASBOURG A-36). THEY URGED MEMBER GOVERNMENTS TO RATIFY TOKYO, HAGUE AND MONTREAL CONVENTIONS, AUTHORIZED COUNCIL' S COMMITTEE ON CRIME PROBLEMS TO PROCEED IN HARMONIZING EUROPEAN LEGISLATION IN AREAS OF EXTRADITION AND JURISDICTION OVER TERRORISTS, AND PROMISED TO KEEP MATTER OF INTERNATIONAL TERRORISM ON AGENDA AT FUTURE MINISTERIALS.

4. FUTURE OF COUNCIL: MINISTERS ESTABLISHED WORKING GROUP OF SIX PERMANENT REPRESENTATIVES, FROM DENMARK, FRANCE, ITALY, SWEDEN, SWITZERLAND, AND TURKEY, TO DRAW UP REPORT ON FUTURE ROLE OF COUNCIL IN TIME FOR NEXT MINISTERIAL IN PARIS THIS FALL. KIRCHSCHLAGER, IN REPORTING ON MINISTERS DISCUSSION OF CESC, NOTED POSSIBILITIES, ' UNDEFINED AS YET' FOR COUNCIL TO PLAY A ROLE IN EAST- WEST COOPERATION.

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